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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS filed on 1/08/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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Supplemental Action

This is a Supplemental Action in response to the IDS filed on 1/08/2007. All the documents listed were previously submitted as Prior Art and were considered, and PTO-1449 is signed and attached as the Applicant requested.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claim 1, Tamura discloses a data erasing device for erasing data recorded on a magnetic recording medium using a magnetic field generated from permanent magnets, comprising: a main body case for housing a magnetic recording medium on an upper surface; a magnetic field generating source formed by arranging two permanent magnets each having one of north pole and a south pole above a ferromagnetic plate so that they have mutually attracting polarities; a first transferring member, a second transferring member that can move a magnetic recording medium in a direction substantially perpendicular to a movement direction of the magnetic generating source on the upper surface of the main body case. Tamura does not disclose the first transferring member that can move the magnetic field generating source in a predetermined direction inside the main body case. Tamura does not disclose the first transferring member that can move the magnetic field generating source in a predetermined direction inside the main body case. Fremstedal discloses data erasing device for erasing data on a magnetic recording medium (see Figures 1-2), comprising a main body 22 for housing a magnetic recording medium 1 on an upper surface, a magnetic field generating source 2; a first transferring member 3 that can move the magnetic field generating source in a predetermined direction, a second

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transferring member 12 that can move a magnetic recording medium in a direction substantially perpendicular to a movement direction of the magnetic generating source on the upper surface of the main body case. This limitation, in combination with the other recited elements, is not disclosed by the Prior Art of record.

Regarding Claim 12, Tamura discloses a data erasing device for erasing data recorded on a magnetic recording medium using a magnetic field generated from permanent magnets, comprising: a first magnetic field generating source formed by arranging two permanent magnets each having one of a north pole and a south pole above a ferromagnetic plate so that they have mutually attracting polarities; a main body case in which the magnetic field generating source is internally attached to the ferromagnetic plate with the ferromagnetic plate an upper surface side; a path provided in the main body case perpendicular to the magnetic field generated by the magnetic field generating source; and a tray that is of a size that, as well as being able to house the magnetic recording medium, can reciprocally move within the main body case along the path.

Tamura does not disclose the path in the main body, having a space capable of accommodating the entire magnetic recording medium. This limitation, in combination with the other recited elements, is not disclosed by the Prior Art of record.

Claim 17 recites the limitations of Claim 1 and objected Claim 2, and therefore allowable.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-6002. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on 571-272-2800 x36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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